

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2008, Applicants submit the following remarks. The statutory deadline for filing a response is October 24, 2008. Therefore, Applicants believe that this response is being timely filed. However, in the event that Applicants are incorrect, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 23-2415, referencing Docket No. 30939-702.831.

The Examiner identified the following four groups in this application and required election of one of them:

- A. Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to a method of detecting a target by contacting the target with an RSP.
- B. Group II, Claims 10-21 and 34, drawn to a method of preparing and utilizing an RSP.
- C. Group III, Claims 22-28 and 35, drawn to a method of preparing and utilizing an RSP.
- D. Group IV, Claims 29-33 and 36, drawn to a method of preparing and utilizing a converted RSP.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Claims 1-9, drawn to a method of detecting a target by contacting the target with an RSP.

Applicants reserve the right pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully submit the application is in condition for examination on the merits. Such favorable action is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that, for the reasons explained above, the application is in condition for examination on the merits and such action is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that this response is being timely filed. However, in the event that Applicants are incorrect in their assumption, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 23-2415, referencing Docket No. 30939-702.831.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (858) 350-2337.

Respectfully submitted,

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